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In re Application of: THOMPSON )

Examiner: Minh Chau Thi PHAM

Application No.: 09/995,888 )

Group Art Unit: 1724

Filed: November 28, 2001 )

Confirmation No.: 1598

Docket No.: 3192-001 )

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For: FILTER CARTRIDGE ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS FOR FILTERING FLUIDS

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 8, 2004

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before September 28, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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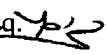
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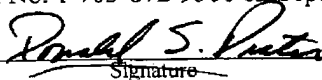
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
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1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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